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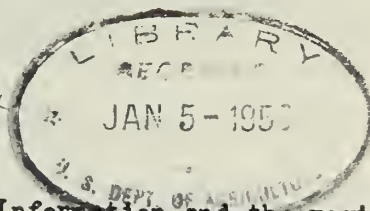


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The chart on page 4 shows the relationship of one agency to another.

The USDA Office of Information

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Helen Douglass, Editor, Food and Home Notes, Room 447-A, Phone Ext. 5437 -- for information of general interest in the women's field. Also, for detailed information regarding home economics and human nutrition, contact Emily Davis, Agricultural Research Administration, Room 5140-S, Phone Ext. 4739.

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Photographic Division -- All news photos are now in the Central Photographic Library, Room 457-A, Phone Ext. 6085-4994.



### Federal-States Relations

Agricultural Conservation Program Service -- Shares with farmers the cost of carrying out certain soil and water conservation practices. Administered locally by elected county and community farmer-committeemen.

Kenneth Gapen, Information Officer, Room 3733-S, Phone Ext. 3134.

Agricultural Research Service -- Conducts basic and applied research on the production and utilization of plants and animals, and does research pertaining to human nutrition and home economics; this agency also administers control and regulatory programs having to do with plant and animal quarantines, meat inspection, control of diseases and insect pests of animals and plants. Also conducts studies on methods of managing soil, water, machinery, buildings, and other farm resources to find more efficient use of crop and range lands.

Ernest G. Moore, Director, Information Division, Room 5133-S, Phone Ext. 4433.  
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J. Kendall McClarren, Chief, Program and Special Services Branch, Room 5140-S, Phone Ext. 5787.

David G. Hall, Chief, Publications Branch, Room 5145-S, Phone Ext. 6342.

Farmer Cooperative Service -- Does research, educational, and service work for farmers who belong to agricultural marketing, purchasing, and service cooperatives, and provides statistics on trends in agricultural cooperatives.

Beryle E. Stanton, Director, Division of Information, Room 4333-S,  
Phone Ext. 6486.

Federal Extension Service -- Has primary responsibility for and leadership in USDA educational programs and coordination of all educational activities of the Department.

Lester A. Schlup, Director, Division of Information Programs, Room 5503-S,  
Phone Ext. 6283.

Ralph M. Fulghum, Assistant Director, Room 5503-S, Phone Ext. 2805.

Forest Service -- Responsible for managing the national forests, cooperating with the States and private forest land owners in carrying out better forestry practices, and doing forest and related range research.

Dana Parkinson, Chief, Division of Information and Education, Room 3221-S,  
Phone Ext. 3760.

E. Arnold Hanson, Publications and Inquiries, Room 3230-S, Phone Ext. 3738.

Soil Conservation Service -- Offers technical help to farmers and ranchers; administers the Department's up-stream flood-prevention and watershed-protection programs.

D. Harper Simms, Director, Information Division, Room 5110-S, Phone Ext. 4543.  
F. Glennon Loyd, Assistant Director, Room 5112-S, Phone Ext. 4544.

### Marketing and Foreign Agriculture

Agricultural Marketing Service -- Responsible for marketing research, outlook and related statistical and economic research; crop and livestock estimates; coordination of statistical work of USDA; marketing services, including market news,

standardization, grading, inspection and classing of farm products; freight rate services; marketing regulatory programs, marketing agreements and orders; export and diversion programs; programs to improve marketing and increase consumption of farm products, including direct distribution of foods, work with food trades, the national school lunch program, and the special school milk program.

Franklin Thackrey, Director, Mktg. Information Div., Room 217-E, Phone Ext. 6357.

Bert Johnson, Chief, Mktg. Research and Statistical Programs Branch, Room 218-E, Phone Ext. 6357.

Walter W. John, Chief, Marketing Programs Branch, Room 218-E, Phone Ext. 6357.

Commodity Exchange Authority -- Supervises futures trading on commodity exchanges to maintain fair trading practices and competitive pricing, and to prevent excessive speculation and price manipulation.

R. Corbin Dorsey, Trading and Reports Division, Room 42-W, Phone Ext. 3030.

Foreign Agricultural Service -- Promotes export of U. S. farm products, protects domestic agricultural markets from unfair foreign competition; serves as a basic source of information to American agriculture on world crops, policies, and markets.

K. W. Olson, Director, Foreign Mktg. Information Div., Room 5522-S, Phone Ext. 3448.

Kenneth K. Krogh, Asst. Director, Room 5522-S, Phone Ext. 3448.

#### Agricultural Stabilization

Commodity Stabilization Service (Includes information service for CCC and Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Committees) -- Responsible for production adjustment activities including acreage allotments and farm marketing quotas; the stabilization of sugar production and marketing; price support, foreign supply and purchase, commodity disposal, storage facilities, and other assigned programs of CCC; for administering the International Wheat Agreement; for procurement, handling, payment, and related services on assigned purchase and export programs; drought emergency feed programs; and for certain defense food activities.

James B. Hasselman, Director, Information Division, Room 24-W, Phone Ext. 5237.

Peter H. DeVries, Asst. Director for Price Support, Room 24-W, Phone Ext. 5239.

Willard Lamphere, Asst. Dir. for Production Adjustment, Room 33-W, Phone Ext. 4094.

Federal Crop Insurance Corporation -- Administers the Federal Crop Insurance program which insures farmers against losses from unavoidable causes.

E. H. Nikkel, Director, Sales and Servicing Div., Room 4090-S, Phone Ext. 4364.

R. A. Dimock, Asst. Director, Room 4090-S, Phone Ext. 4364.

#### Agricultural Credit

Farmers Home Administration -- Makes production and subsistence loans, special livestock loans, soil and water conservation loans, farm purchase and improvement loans, and emergency loans.

Philip S. Brown, Director, Information Staff, Room 5343-S, Phone Ext. 4031.

Rural Electrification Administration -- Makes loans to local business organizations to bring electric power and modern telephone service to rural areas.

Kermit Overby, Chief, Information Services Division, Room 4043-S, Phone Ext. 5606.

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